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Applicant(s): SAUL YEDGAR Examiner: O' SALLIVAN, PETER G.
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Filed: October 1, 2001
Title: USE OF LIPID CONJUGATES IN THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Communication is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 28, 2002 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the June 28, 2002 Office Action was due July 28, 2002. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due October 28, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In response to the Restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute claims 70-75 of Group X drawn to compounds.

Traversal is made for the following reason: The subject matter of the other groups may be searched together with the subject matter of Group X and hence would not be a burdensome search for the Examiner.

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For the reason above, it is respectfully asserted that this Restriction requirement is improper, and withdrawal is respectfully requested. All claims of Groups I-X should be examined together.

Lastly, in accordance with this restriction with traverse, Applicants reserve all rights in the claims that include all the groups to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

No fee is deemed necessary for filing this Communication. However, if any fee is required, the undersigned Attorney hereby authorizes the United States Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account 05-0649.

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